GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS GODOWNS LOCATED NEAR SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken against the gas godowns located near schools by the Chief Controller of Explosives in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of gas godowns against which such action is likely to be taken in Jabalpur?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): Godowns for LPG storage are constructed after approval for construction of godown is obtained from the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE). After the construction of godown, application for storage of LPG Explosive Licence is made to CCOE. Explosive Licence for storage of LPG is issued by CCOE only after the construction of the godown.

IOC has reported that the Dy. Chief Controller of Explosives had issued instructions on 11.4.2005 to shift the godown of M/s Pushpendra Gas Service, Satna as the same was having its godown near a school which has since been shifted to a new location in March, 2007.

In a recent Judgment dated 5.7.2007, in CWP 3591/2004 (PIL), the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh has directed the CCOE to review the locations of the godowns specified in the affidavits and take necessary action as is required keeping the safety factor in mind.